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It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

Column 8,

Lines 9-35, rewrite claims 1 and 2 as follows:

1. A method of disseminating information relating to litigation in a plurality of courts of law, said method comprising the steps of:
reviewing court records of a plurality of courts of law to obtain publicly available data relating to lawsuits filed in each of the plurality of courts of law, said step of reviewing court records of a plurality of courts of law includes determining the identity of the plaintiff, determining the identity of the defendant, determining the cause of action, and determining the identity of the attorney or attorneys filing the lawsuits;
transmitting the publicly available data obtained from the court records of each court of law of the plurality of courts of law to a database, said step of transmitting the publicly available data obtained from the court records of each court of law of the plurality of courts of law includes transmitting data indicative of the identity of the plaintiff, the identity of the defendant, the cause of action, and the identity of the attorney or attorneys filing the lawsuits; and
transmitting at least a portion of the data from the database over a network to terminals which access the database over the network.
2. A method as set forth in claim 1 wherein said step of reviewing court records of a plurality of courts of law includes determining the disposition of lawsuits filed in each court of law of the plurality of courts of law, and said step of transmitting the publicly available data obtained from the court records of each court of law of the plurality of courts of law includes transmitting data indicative of the disposition of lawsuits filed in each court of law of the plurality of courts of law to the database.

Lines 44-54, rewrite claims 4 and 5 as follows:

4. A method as set forth in claim 1 wherein said step of reviewing court records of a plurality of courts of law includes visual reviewing the court records and manually copying the publicly available data from the court records of each court of law of the plurality of courts of law.
5. A method as set forth in claim 1 wherein said step of reviewing court records of a plurality of courts of law includes electronically reading data from an electronic version of the court records of each court of law of the plurality of courts of law, and said step of transmitting the publicly available data obtained from the court records of each court of law of the plurality of courts of law includes electronically transmitting the publicly available data to a data storage device.

Column 12,

Lines 44-61, rewrite claims 25 and 26 as follows:

25. A method as set forth in claim 1 wherein said step of reviewing court records further includes determining, from the publicly available data, the identity of expert witnesses for each of a plurality of different causes of action in a plurality of courts, and said step of transmitting at least a portion of the data from the database includes transmitting data from the database to at least one of the terminals indicative of the identity of expert witnesses for at least one cause of action of the plurality of different causes of action.

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Column 12 (cont'd),

26. A method as set forth in claim 1 wherein said step of reviewing court records further includes determining, from the publicly available data, the identity of expert witnesses for each of a plurality of different causes of action in a plurality of different courts, said method further includes the step of determining the number of lawsuits which resulted in favorable decisions for a litigant assisted by each expert witness, and said step of transmitting at least a portion of the data from the database includes transmitting data from the database to at least one of the terminals indicative of the identity of expert witnesses for each cause of action of the plurality of causes of action and the number of lawsuits which resulted in favorable decisions for a litigant assisted by each expert witness.

Column 13, line 30 through Column 14, line 40,

Rewrite claims 30 through 39 as follows:

30. A method as set forth in claim 1 wherein said step of transmitting the publicly available data obtained from the court records includes transmitting data relating to lawsuits filed within a period of time in each of a plurality of courts of law in each of a plurality of states of the United States of America to the database.

31. A method as set forth in claim 1 wherein said step of reviewing court records of a plurality of courts of law includes reviewing court records in both state and federal courts, and said step of transmitting the publicly available data obtained from the court records includes transmitting data relating to both federal and state courts.

32. A method as set forth in claim 1 wherein said step of transmitting the publicly available data obtained from the court records includes electronically reading data from an electronic version of the court records of each court of the plurality of courts in each of a plurality of states of the United States of America and electronically transmitting at least a portion of the electronically read data from each of the courts of the plurality of courts to the database.

33. A method as set forth in claim 1 wherein said step of reviewing court records includes viewing the court records and manually copying the publicly available data from the court records in each court of the plurality of courts in each of a plurality of states of the United States of America.

34. A method as set forth in claim 1 said step of transmitting the publicly available data obtained from the court records includes transmitting data relating to lawsuits filed in state and federal courts in at least a portion of at least one state of the United States of America to the database.

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Column 13, line 30 through Column 14, line 40 (cont'd).

35. A method of disseminating information relating to litigation in a plurality of courts of law, said method comprising the steps of:
reviewing court records of a plurality of courts of law to obtain publicly available data relating to lawsuits filed in each of the plurality of courts of law, said step of reviewing court records of a plurality of courts of law includes determining the identity of expert witnesses and the causes of action in regard to which the expert witnesses testified;
transmitting the publicly available data obtained from the court records of each court of law of the plurality of courts of law to a database, said step of transmitting the publicly available data obtained from the court records of each court of law of the plurality of courts of law includes transmitting data indicative of the identity of the expert witnesses and the causes of action in regard to which the expert witnesses testified; and
transmitting at least a portion of the data from the database over a network to terminals which access the database over the network.
36. A method as set forth in claim 35 wherein said step of reviewing court records of a plurality of courts of law includes determining the identity of the plaintiff, the identity of the defendant, and the cause of action for each of the lawsuits filed in the plurality of courts of law, and said step of transmitting the publicly available data obtained from the court records of each court of law of the plurality of courts of law includes transmitting data indicative of the identity of the plaintiff, the identity of the defendant and the cause of action for lawsuits filed in the plurality of courts of law to the database.
37. A method as set forth in claim 35 wherein said step of reviewing court records of a plurality of courts of law includes determining the disposition of lawsuits filed in each court of law of the plurality of courts of law, and said step of transmitting the publicly available data obtained from the court records of each court of law of the plurality of courts of law includes transmitting data indicative of the disposition of lawsuits filed in each court of law of the plurality of courts of law to the database.
38. A method as set forth in claim 35 wherein said step of reviewing court records of a plurality of courts of law includes determining the identity of the attorney or attorneys filing lawsuits and the cause of action for lawsuits in each court of law of the plurality of courts of law, and said step of transmitting the publicly available data obtained from the court records of each court of law of the plurality of courts of law includes transmitting data indicative of the identity of the attorney or attorneys filing lawsuits and the causes of action for lawsuits filed in each of the plurality of courts of law to the database.
39. A method as set forth in claim 35 wherein said step of reviewing court records of a plurality of courts of law includes determining the disposition of lawsuits filed in each court of law of the plurality of courts of law, and said step of transmitting the publicly available data obtained from the court records of each court of law of the plurality of courts of law includes transmitting data indicative of the disposition of lawsuits filed in each court of law of the plurality of courts of law to the database.

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Column 14, line 49 through Column 15, line 10,

Rewrite claims 41 through 44 as follows:

41. A method as set forth in claim 35 wherein said step of reviewing court records of a plurality of courts of law includes reviewing the court records and manually copying the publicly available data from the court records of each court of law of the plurality of courts of law.

42. A method as set forth in claim 35 wherein said step of reviewing court records of a plurality of courts of law includes electronically reading data from an electronic version of the court records of each court of law of the plurality of courts of law, and said step of transmitting the publicly available data obtained from the court records of each court of law of the plurality of courts of law includes electronically transmitting the publicly available data to a data storage device.

43. A method as set forth in claim 35 wherein said step of transmitting at least a portion of the data from the database includes transmitting data indicative of whether or not an expert witness testified on behalf of a litigant who received a favorable decision in the litigation in which the expert witness testified.

44. A method as set forth in claim 35 further including the steps of determining a relationship between a number corresponding to the number of lawsuits in which one expert witness testified and a number corresponding to the number of lawsuits in which the one expert witness testified and which were decided in favor of a litigant on whose behalf the one expert witness testified, and transmitting data from the database to at least one of the terminals indicative of the relationship between the number of lawsuits in which the one expert witness testified and the number of lawsuits in which the one expert witness testified and which were decided in favor of a litigant on whose behalf the one expert witness testified.

Column 16,

Lines 10-11, the phrase "A method as set forth in claim 45 wherein the documents include complaints, answers, and motions filed by the parties." should read

-- A method as set forth in claim 45 wherein the documents include complaints. --.

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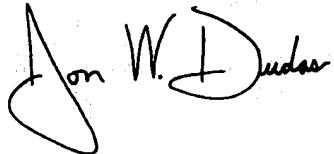
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Column 16 (cont'd),
Line 14, change "motion" to -- motions --.

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